

was first broadcast on Danish radio and was related to me by an uncle of mine. The Bishop, who was a keen lepidopterist, happened to be taking a stroll not far from the local mental hospital, and wanted to collect some moths which had been drawn to one of the street lamps. To achieve this, there was only one thing to do, and that was to clamber up the lamp-post. However, just then a policeman came along, and the following conversation took place:

“Who are you?”

“I am the Bishop of Aarhus,” came the reply from the top of the lamp-post.

“Well,” replied the policeman, “if you are the Bishop of Aarhus, then I’m the Pope in Rome.”

“But I tell you, my name is Hoffmeyer, and *I am* the Bishop of Aarhus.”

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Report of *Wesmaelius mortoni*'s extinction exaggerated

I have recently discovered a female of this rare lacewing (Neuroptera: Hemerobiidae) among a collection of insects from the pine forest at Loch Garten (VC96), made during a survey organised under the auspices of the Diptera Recording Schemes on 14 June 1982. The site was visited fairly late in the afternoon and was high forest, very open with heather as the dominant ground cover and nearby was a small loch with marsh vegetation along the edge. The weather was fine and dry. The site was revisited the following morning and the loch edge was sampled.

Wesmaelius mortoni (McLachlan) was collected in Scotland on only a handful of occasions last century, the latest being in 1898 (Plant, 1997. *A key to the adults of British lacewings and their allies*. Field Studies Council), leading to speculation that it was now extinct in the UK. Happily, it seems still to be simply very rare.

The quality of this location is underlined by some of the other insects I obtained there - the RDB3 hoverfly *Chamaesyrphus scaevoides*, the Notable/Nb insects were the plantbug *Lygus punctatus*, the planthoppers *Dicranotropis divergens* and *Oncodelphax pullulus*, the water beetle *Hygrotus quinquelineatus*, the click beetles *Ampedus nigrinus* and *Selatosomus impressus*, the crane fly *Limnophila pulchella*, the hoverfly *Platycheirus podagratus* and the helemomyzid fly *Chaetomus confusus* while the fungus beetle *Anisotoma glabra* and the caddisfly *Lype phaeopa* are Notable/Nr in Scotland. Many other significant finds were made by other members of the survey team.

I should like to thank Colin Plant for confirming my identification and Alan Stubbs for arranging permission for the survey at Loch Garten. – BILL ELY, Rotherham Biological Records Centre, Grove Road, Rotherham S60 2ER.

EDITORIAL COMMENT: The re-discovery of *Wesmaelius mortoni* by Bill Ely is welcome news indeed. Readers should note that all present century records of this species in the entomological literature relate to other species and are the result of nomenclatural confusion (see Plant, C. W., 1994. *Provisional atlas of the lacewings*